Sir, my cut motion is only to ascertain from the Government certain details.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—That question is answered for to-morrow and you will get all the information.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—My intention was just to get an idea of the working of the institution. And if the Government can give me that information, then . . . .

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—I have got the information here.

203 petitions were filed in 1112 and 436 in this year, thus aggregating 639 petitions up-to-date. Already 15 cases have been conciliated completely and part-conciliation has been effected in another 14 cases. The amount involved in the conciliated cases comes to Rs. 30,544—9—4 and the amount involved in part-conciliation cases comes to Rs. 11,431—12—11. There is the prospect of a few more cases for conciliation. In some cases the creditors were not inclined to take property in lieu of money. Commissioners have been deputed to ascertain the total amount, and they hope that not less than 3 lakhs can thus be conciliated. In a few other cases the parties are applying to the Land Mortgage Bank to clear their debts. In this way conciliation will be effected in such cases.

Motion withdrawn.

Demand put and carried.

11. Rs. 629-13-0 under "17. C. Criminal Justice—Printed Forms".

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 629—13—0 under "17-C—Criminal Justice—Printed Forms". The information necessary is contained in the notes. I have nothing more to add. I request that the allotment may be passed.

Demand put and carried.

12. Rs. 400- under "18 (1) Central Jail—Miscellaneous".

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 400 under

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"18—1—Central Jail—Miscellaneous". Here also information is given in the note which was placed before the Standing Finance Committee. I request that the grant may be allowed.

Demand put and carried.

13. Rs. 4230- under "18 (1) Central Jail—Diet Charges".

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*·— Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 4,230 under "18(1)—Central Jail—Diet Charges." The reason for the demand is fully explained in the notes for the Standing Finance Committee. Some of the Members present wanted some additional information at the time the question was discussed there. The reason for this additional allotment is this. The amount allotted for this year under this head is Rs. 7,500. In the year 1112, the amount allotted was Rs. 9,000.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*— Why did you provide a lesser amount this year?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*— This year we were able to allot only so much. In 1112, it was found that the actual charges under Diet Charges came to Rs. 9,870. Calculated on that basis and on account of certain increased medical charges incurred this year the expenses would come to Rs. 10,000. A portion of the amount allotted this year had to be paid for the additional charges incurred last year, so that we are now in deficit of funds. That is why this additional allotment is asked for. I think that the House will be pleased to grant this amount.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Now, Sir, what is the fun of budgetting Rs. 7,000 even when you found that Rs. 9,000 was not sufficient for last year?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*— There was a large rise in the number of prisoners.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Sir, I asked for information during the Finance Committee sitting whether there was any increase in the number of prisoners, whether the system of supply of diet materials has deteriorated, was it given by way of tender, and whether the lowest tender was accepted. These four points of information I asked for the other day and it was promised to be supplied today.

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